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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

**NOTICE.**  
NOTICE is hereby given, That the WARD ROOM OFFICERS of H.M.S. "MERCURY" will not be responsible for any DEBTS contracted by AGENTS, their Chinese Messmen, Hongkong, 10th April, 1891. [198]

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LORNE ATHLETIC CLUB.  
ARREST AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS,  
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MONDAY, 27th APRIL.  
Under the distinguished patronage and in the presence of Sir G. W. De Vaux, K.C.M.G., and Major General G. DIXON, RA, &c.  
Commencing at 8 P.M.  
Admission, Dress Circle \$2.00.  
Stalls \$1.00.  
TUESDAY, 28th APRIL.  
Commencing at 4 P.M.  
Admission \$1; Children Half-price.  
WEDNESDAY, 29th APRIL.  
Commencing at 9 P.M., when smoking will be permitted.  
Admission \$1 (no Reserved Seats).  
Soldiers and Sailors to all performances, 25 cents.  
THE BAND WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.  
Seats for Monday and Tuesday nights booked at KELLY & WALSH'S,  
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RANSOME'S LAWN MOWERS.  
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SCYTHES STONES.  
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EUREKA LAWN TENNIS POLES.  
STEAM TANNED NETS.  
NEW TENNIS RATS, BALLS, and SHOES.  
Special Orders for GARDEN SEEDS for  
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**THE NEW YORK LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.**  
ESTABLISHED 1845.  
TOTAL ASSETS ON 1st JANUARY, 1890, \$21,484,034.  
ANNUAL INCOME \$1,015,774.  
SURPLUS BY NEW YORK STATE \$2,321,041.  
BIRLEY, DALRYMPLE & CO.,  
Agents, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 28th July, 1890. [10295]

**THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.**  
**THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY**  
will produce  
BURTON AND SULLIVAN'S COMIC OPERA  
"THE CONTRABANDIST."  
OR  
"THE LAW OF THE LADRONES."  
(MONDAY), 28th APRIL.  
Count Vasquez, ... Mr. G. P. LAMBERT.  
Sando ... Mr. J. HOLLIDAY.  
Joe ... Mr. J. LAMBERT.  
Mrs. Gigg ... Mrs. GORON.  
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Chorus of Russians, Soldiers & Peasants.  
The "CACHOUA" dance from the "GON-  
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Request, with fresh Figures.  
TRAM-CARS will Run from and to the  
Peak at suitable hours on above date.  
Dress Circle and Stalls \$2.00.  
Back Seats, Stalls, 1.00.  
Doors Open at 8.30 P.M.  
Performance in commencing at 9 P.M.  
Tickets obtainable at Messrs. LANE, CRAW-  
FORD & CO.,  
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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1891. [38]

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For an exciting it is only necessary to state the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality desired.

Orders through Local Post or by Telegram receive prompt attention.

**PORTS. (For Invalids and general use.)**

	Per Case.	Per Bottle.
A Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule, .....	810	\$1.00.
B Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule, .....	12	1.10.
C Fina Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule, .....	14	1.25.
D Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled), .....	18	1.50.

**SHERRIES.**

A Delicate Palo Duro, dinner wine, Green Capsule, .....	6	0.60.
B Superior Palo Duro, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule, .....	7	750 0.75.
C Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule, .....	10	1.00.
OC Superior Old Pale, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule, .....	10	1.00.
D Very Superior Old Pale Day, choice Old Wine, Black Seal Capsule, .....	12	1.10.
E Extra-Superior Old Pale, Very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled), .....	14	1.25.

	Per Case.	Per Bottle.
F Fine Champagne, .....	84	8.45.
G St. Emilion, .....	7	7.75.
C St. Julien, .....	7	7.75.
D La Rose, .....	11	12.00.

Per Case. Per Bottle.

**CLARETS.**

A Superior Breakfast Claret, .....	84	8.45.
B St. Emilion, .....	7	7.75.
C St. Julien, .....	7	7.75.
D La Rose, .....	11	12.00.

Per Case. Per Bottle.

**BRANDY.**

A Superior Old Pale, Red Capsule, .....	12	\$1.11.
B Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule, .....	14	1.25.
C Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule, .....	18	1.50.
D Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1873, .....	24	2.00.

**SCOTCH WHISKY.**

A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule, .....	8	0.75.
B Watson's Choice Blend, Low Brand, Fine Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark, .....	8	0.75.
C Watson's Absolut-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark, .....	8	0.75.
D Watson's H K D Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule, .....	10	1.00.
E Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule, .....	12	1.11.

**IRISH WHISKY.**

A John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule, .....	8	0.75.
R John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule, .....	10	1.00.
C John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule, .....	12	1.11.
RESERVE BOTTLED WHISKY, fine old, Red Capsule, with Name, .....	10	1.00.

**GIN.**

A Fine Old Tom, White Capsule, .....	450	0.45.
B Fine Unseasoned, White Capsule, .....	450	0.45.
C Fine A. V. H. Geneva, .....	525	0.50.

**RUSSIAN.**

Finest Old Jannina, Violet Capsule, .....	12	1.11.
Good Leonard Island, .....	150	per Gall.

**LIQUEUR.**

Benedictine Maraschino Curacao		
Hooching's Cherry Cere		
Chartrouse Dr. Sieger's August		

Bottles.

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entations made to him, whether in or out of Council, on all subjects of public interest, said:—“You have taken these representations into consideration without needless delay, and, what we honour you for most, you have never hesitated to surrender your preconceived views or opinions and to admit that you had been in error when these representations have thrown new light upon the subject or brought fresh arguments to bear upon your Excellency's mind.” The reasonableness and absence of prejudices which characterize His Excellency would have rendered his continuance at the helm of affairs until his invitation arising from the home Government's breach of faith in regard to the military expedition and the retaliatory measures projected by the unofficial members had been smoothed away especially valuable, for although it is true His Excellency has not seen quite eye to eye with the unofficial members and the community on the subject of the military contribution, the personal respect in which he is held has not been at all lessened in consequence of the frank avowal of his honest opinion. Had he been a time-serving Governor he might have thought it advisable to keep his opinion to himself, for he could just as easily have carried out the instructions of the Colonial Office without bringing himself in conflict with the unofficial members. We do not propose to do so to review at length his Excellency's career in the Colony, but it may not be inappropriate to remind our readers that it is to him we are indebted for the open meeting of the Finance Committee and that the close of his career has been marked by a concession scarcely less valuable in the promise given that the detailed estimates of all public works are in future to be submitted to the consideration of the Public Works Committee.

The course adopted by the Peak Hotel and Trading Company in convening a meeting of its shareholders by private circular instead of public advertisement is, we think, open to serious objection. Even in divided companies a considerable proportion of the shares is usually held by persons whose names do not appear on the register, and in non-dividend paying concerns buyers seldom or never think of having the transfer registered. Consequently a circular addressed only to registered proprietors of shares must necessarily fail to reach a large number of persons peculiarly interested. Where the meetings are convened by advertisement instead of circular shareholders not on the register have the opportunity of qualifying themselves to attend either by having the shares they hold transferred to their own names or by obtaining proxies from their owners. That this opportunity should be accorded them is only fair, and it is mainly on this ground that we have deemed it right to draw attention to the matter. But even registered shareholders are less likely to be brought to a meeting by a private circular, which may be thrown aside and forgotten, than by a public advertisement which is before their eyes for several days. The latter system has the further advantage of securing for any special resolution that it may be intended to bring forward some measure of discussion by the parties interested, which may possibly result in valuable suggestions at the meeting itself. The circular issued by the Peak Hotel and Trading Company brought to the meeting only one shareholder besides the directors and officials of the Company, although the business was the consideration of a proposal of no less importance than the increase of the capital by the issue of preference shares. The Board, we should think, must be less in doubt as to whether the course they proposed really met with the approval of the majority of the shareholders. Not even the Press was notified of the meeting; a report of the proceedings was supplied the following day, which the directors probably thought would answer the purpose, but in the affairs of public companies whose shares are on the open market we think any departure from the wholesome rule of complete publicity of its meetings must be considered unwise. There may be occasions on which the directors may legitimately deem it desirable to confer with the shareholders in private, but in such cases the fact that a private meeting is to be held ought to be advertised in order that shareholders not on the register may qualify themselves to attend, and when formal resolutions are to be passed the meeting ought to be held with open doors. This is the course which has hitherto been adopted in Hongkong, and any departure from it is calculated to weaken confidence.

An instrument of our serial title which was pushed out on Saturday appears to-day on the fourth page.

The Agents (Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co.) inform us that the steamer *Perlas* left Singapore on Saturday afternoon and is due here on the 24th instant.

The Agents (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) inform us that the O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Telemon* will leave for Hongkong on Saturday afternoon.

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**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, APRIL 20TH, 1891.

THE announcement of Sir WILLIAM VOGEL's early retirement from the administration of the Government of this Colony we are sure, be received with deep regret by the entire community. When His excellency arrived he introduced himself as a man of deeds rather than words, and owing to ill-health, he was compelled some years later to go home on leave, it was knowledge in the public address presented to him that he "had fully justified the "mise contained in the phrase." His excellency's return was hailed with warm gratification, and it was hoped, though was still not in robust health, that he would be able to complete his full term of office, he, however, being disappointed.

WILLIAM having been ordered by his medical advisers to seek another climate. His departure under any circumstances would have been deeply regretted, especially when to such a cause, but it is especially fortunate that it should occur at a critical time as the present. In the address presented to His Excellency in the early part of last year the signatures bearing to his readiness to resolve

It is enounced in the *Gazette* that the Governor in Council has altered the date for taking the census of the population of Hongkong and its dependencies from the 30th April to the 30th May next.

We note that the *Independence Times* now appearing every other day instead of twice a week as formerly. Mr. Lo Vasseur, the editor who has just returned from France, is evidently determined to push his lively little journal.

An extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Douglas Steamship Company, Limited, was held at the Company's office on Saturday forenoon, the 17th inst., for the purpose of considering the articles of association, the better part with the Reserve Fund, and passed at the meeting held on the 28th March. There were no new shares issued.—Messrs. T. E. Davies (Chairman), J. H. S. Sassoon, C. J. Holliday (Directors), L. K. Davis, J. P. Cox & Co. (Agents), Crawford, B. S. Benjamin, J. M. Cox, R. Burder, E. Fuhrmann, D. Willis, J. Meier, &c., were present. The resolutions were put to a vote and unanimously confirmed.

The following are the "orders of the day" at the meeting of the Auxiliary Board to be held to-day (Monday) at 4.15 p.m.:—  
A Bill for providing against abuses in connection with the execution of public works.  
**A GENDA.**  
1.—Letter from Honourable Colonial Secretary regarding the proposed extension of the Harbour Bridge.  
2.—Letter from Messrs. Dunby, Leigh & Co. regarding declaration of North Arm Harbour.  
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with simply wounding, the former being of course the graver charge. The jury would learn from the evidence that in January last the prisoner had been brought to the police station by the late assistant prosecutor, who, after the prisoner complained that the place returned was a bad one. The prosecutor refused to change it, his words passed, and the two soon came to blows, prisoner striking the prosecutor on the head with a lamp. The two were separated and had the matter stopped there, probably no more would have been heard of it. Unfortunately it did not stop there. The prisoner, who was a very strong man, returned with a knife, with which he struck the prosecutor, cutting through the muscles of the shoulder. Prosecutor was taken to Hospital, where he remained for some weeks, and the prisoner was committed to the County Jail, where he remained for some time, and two or three witnesses who were present when the cutting took place was taken, and the jury retrained an unanimous verdict of guilty on the charge of murder.

Sentence deferred.

THE D'ARCY STREET ROBBERY.

Fan Ki, a constable, was charged, with being concerned in the robbery of the late Assistant Street and also of Dr. Lowery, of the County Jail. The Attorney-General said the evidence here intended to produce would show that the prisoner had planned and instigated the robbery of the Street and also of Dr. Lowery, and that he had been present at the robbery of the latter, and that he had kept watch. It would also be shown that he had pawned a diamond ring, which had been identified by the woman who was robbed, and that he had been seen at the scene of the robbery, and that he had produced evidence, as having a bearing on the case, to show that on the date the robbery was committed the prisoner absented himself from duty without leave.

The Attorney-General presented a prisoner in Victoria, who was charged with being concerned in the robbery of the late Assistant Street, and who was charged with being concerned in the robbery of the late Assistant Street, and who was charged with being concerned in the robbery of the late Assistant Street.

his motions may be the saddest case there could be the interest. Either the ladies or the ladies had to trip this dance or on it out altogether.

The performance will be repeated this evening.

**H. G. BROWN AND COMPANY,  
LIMITED.**

The second annual meeting of the shareholders of H. G. Brown & Co. was held at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday, the 18th April. There were present Messrs. C. S. Sharp (Chairman), H. L. Dalrymple, M. S. Layton (Consulting Engineer), E. Solomon, J. S. Hart, C. G. Brown, and J. S. Hart (Secretary).

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, the report and accounts have now been in your hands some days, and with your permission we may now turn to read. These have purposed to be made as full as possible and leave but little to be said to supplement the information given therein. You will notice that we have now written our first annual report, and that it is the first at the end of 1933; we recovered, but a little from the wreck and have credited to stock of stores the small amount represented by the value of the salvages. This being the case, and we are hopeful of seeing shortly some renewal of activity in the timber market in China, which may enable us to coverably increase our funds, we are not disappointedly small last year. The outcrops in hard work will the saw mill at Legazpianna in full work will in October meet. I may say we have endeavored to make a full and complete report, and I am glad to declare interim dividends. The Company's articles of association certainly give power to do, and we shall endeavor to make arrangements for every detail to be the spiritual

to put in a basket for the fish, but whether we frequently  
sleep before the half of his water is over, and  
the day-mal-cook, and the dog-cook, and  
the crew-cook, and all have their share of  
to during the four hours below. Going  
to port of both officers must be on deck;  
and one of them be laid up the other officer  
must keep watch and catch with the oar  
the captain relieve the oar  
on when he feels disposed.

Why are Insurance Companies not alive to  
the additional risk they run in ships where  
the crew are so ignorant of it, and it  
seems hard to believe they are not, why don't  
they endeavor to remedy it? Owners them-  
selves fondly imagine that the trifling amount  
of insurance they pay for will save them, but  
they labor under a great delusion. All respect-  
able shipowners at home have long ago adopted  
a system of three watches, and if they did not  
do it at the hazard of their lives, they would  
do it for the sake of their money now; in fact, the men  
who are agitating the matter now are not those  
who labor under such a disadvantage, as they  
are principally to the first class line, i.e.  
those who are in the lowest class of tramp  
steamer who are the sufferers, and it is on their  
behalf that their brethren who are better off are  
striving to have it abolished.

VERITAS.

Shanghai, 12th April, 1891.

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